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FROM: AFRICA BUREAU (FOR INFO)  
SUBJECT: ALGERIA-EGYPT CONFLICT // 1959 PRESIDENT EGYPT

AN EGYPTIAN DIVISION OF 12,000 MEN WERE SENT TO ALGERIA  
AT THE SAME TIME CUBANS ARE REPORTING ITS AID TO US.

A VERY FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE KNOWN BY NASIR TO BE  
WITH US OFFICIALS. CLAUDE HASSE TOLD OF A LETTER FROM  
A PREVIOUS ORDER BARRING EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL FROM ALGERIA  
GERIA BECAUSE OF AN APPEAL FROM BEN BELLA FOR TROOPS, AIRCRAFT  
AND A MILITARY COMMAND.

SOURCE REPORTED ON 17 OCT THAT NASIR WANTED TO AVOID  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN CONFLICT AND WANTED  
US FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

PRIOR TO ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
WAS TO CREATE A SENSE OF IDENTITY BETWEEN THE CUBAN AND

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TWO CUBAN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORTS ARE KNOWN TO BE EN ROUTE TO ALGERIA ON 21 OCT WITH MORE THAN 200 PASSENGERS EACH. CUBAN PASSENGERS INCLUDED TWO PILOTS, MECHANICS, AND RADAR OPERATORS. THE CUBAN COMMANDER IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY COMMANDANT ENXE JUAN ALBERTA, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF CASTRO. SEVERAL OTHER MERCHANT VESSELS REPORTEDLY ARRIVED ON 20 OCT AT ALGERIA AND PORTS WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TANKS.

2. LEBANON-SYRIA-EGYPT: // THE 19 OCT BORDER INCIDENT WHICH FOUR LEBANESE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY A SYRIAN ARMY PATROL APPARENTLY HAS CONVINCED THE LEBANESE GOVT TO HURT CERTAIN EGYPTIAN INTEL ACTIVITIES IN E LEBANON. LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WILL THEREFORE TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH E INTEL OPERATIONS INTO SYRIAN AND LEBANESE WATERS. REPORTEDLY PLAN TO ARREST AND KIDNAP AS MANY EGYPTIAN AGENTS AS CAN BE LOCATED AND APPREHENDED.

3. ALGERIA-LIBERIA: THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER SKIRMISHES ALONG THE BORDER AND MEDIATION ATTEMPTS APPAR TO HAVE BEEN MADE.

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REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN ALGERIA...  
...MOST CERTAINLY WILL DEAL WITH THE...  
...ALGERIA IS NOW FACED FROM AN...  
...OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN STATES...  
...SUGGESTED SUCH A...  
...AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE APPROVING THE...  
...AND ALGERIA HAVE APPRISED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL...  
...TIONS, BUT DO NOT APPEAR TO BE DISPUTING...  
...ALGERIANS APPARENTLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN HASSI...  
...TINJOUH THE POSTS HELD SINCE 14 OCT BY MOROCCAN...  
...CLAIM TO HAVE RECAPTURED HASSI...  
...VIEW OF MOROCCO'S MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THAT AREA...  
...REST OF THE FRONTIER, FORCES OF EACH SIDE SEEM...  
...TO REPRISAL POSITIONS.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' ATTITUDE...  
...WARD PEACE EFFORTS MOROCCO IS STILL WILLING TO AGREE TO...  
...FIRE PROVIDED IT RETAINS THE DISPUTED FRONTIER POSTS AND...

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AGREES TO NEGOTIATE THE FRONTIER BORDER...  
...SOLUTIONS FOR...  
...WITH THE MOROCCANS WITHOUT ANY...

SEN BELLA'S STATEMENT OF 24 OCT THAT THE...  
...HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE...  
...IS PROBABLY FALSE. LIMITED...  
...ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE...  
...REPORT DISAFFECTION IS ALSO...  
...CAUSE OF ECONOMIC DISORGANIZATION...

4. COGCO: THE ARREST OF THE THREE TOP LABOR LEADERS  
24 OCT MAY PROVOKE DEMONSTRATIONS AND...  
AND FILE.

THE ARRESTS WERE ORDERED BY THE...  
...BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE...  
...INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO...  
...SERVANTS FOR PAY RAISE AND TEACHERS FOR SALARY...

PRESUMABLY THE COMMITTEE...  
...OF THE LABOR LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN CALLING FOR A...

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POTENTIAL...  
...  
THE GOVERNMENT...  
SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT...  
RESULT IN DISORDERS WHICH THE ARMY...  
CONTROL...  
BEEN ESTABLISHED...  
BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE...  
REUTU

// THERE ARE SOME 5,000 CONGOLESE... AND ARMY...  
IN THE LEOPOLDVILLE AREA... THEIR SUPPORT...  
FOR A SHORT PERIOD IS LIKELY BUT COULD...  
EXTENDED DISORDERS.

// THERE IS ALREADY SOME EVIDENCE THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT...  
"NATIONALIST" ELEMENTS HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS...  
GENERAL... SUPPOSEDLY ELITE...  
UNITS.

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WITNESS FOR MAGA

NOTE FOLLOWED FURTHER UNDER PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE OF LATE  
ASSEMBLY DEPUTY INVOLVED IN GURDER CASE. INFORMATION THAT  
MAGS ASSEMBLY PRES. APPLAINE RELATED OFFICE TO BE...  
HARD TO EMBARRASS MAGA. ON 28 OCT. ASSOCIATED WITH...  
THE EMBARRASSMENT.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF...  
AFTER OFFERS AND RECEIVERS AMONG LOTS OF UNEMPLOYED IN AREA.  
ONE REPORT INDICATES LABOR DEMONSTRATION PLANNED...  
RETURN FROM FOREIGN TOUR DURING ON 25 OCT.

ADDRESS OF...  
TOP TARGETS OF ARRESTS PROBABLY MAGS ASSEMBLY PRES. APPLAINE ASSEMBLY  
VICE PRES. SINGH AND LABOR LEADER SAGLETT.

MAJORIAN GEMMELLER AND ABBY BELIEVED CAPABLE FUNDING...  
ONREST. SERIOUS DISORDER WOULD CONTROL THEM. WHO HAVE...  
IN DANGER WITH PROBLEMS LIKE THOSE THEY RECENTLY FACED IN CONTACT.

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